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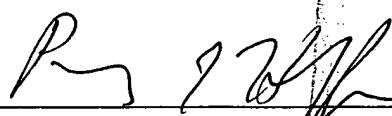
TRANSMITTAL FORM		Application Number	10/034,616
		Filing Date	December 27, 2001
		First Named Inventor	OTSU
		Art Unit	2839
		Examiner Name	Chandrika Prasad
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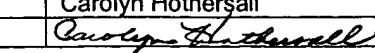
ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Before Final <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/Declarations	This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449 Form(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Cited References	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) petitions for a one-month extension of time and pay the fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5)).
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary (37 CFR 1.36(c)); however, applicant(s) hereby petition for sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely.

CLAIMS FEES							
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional claim fee is required.							
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Small Entity	Large Entity	
Total	7	8	=0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0
Independent	1	1	=0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Claim				+ 145=	\$	+ 290=	\$0

ENCLOSED FEES							
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Claim Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Extension fee for one-month <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Surcharge for Missing Parts – Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer							\$0 \$110.00 \$180.00 \$130.00 \$110.00
							TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$0

PAYMENT OF FEES							
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1965. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 50-1965 in the amount of \$							

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY	
Perry J. Hoffman, Reg. No. 37,150 MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH, LLC 401 North Michigan Avenue Suite 1900 Chicago, Illinois 60611 Telephone: (312) 222-0800 Facsimile: (312) 222-0818	 Signature Date: 12-9-03 <div style="position: absolute; right: -10px; top: 0; writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">RECEIVED DEC 29 2003 FACSIMILE CENTER 2800</div>

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In re Appln. of OTSU et al.

Application No. 10/034,616

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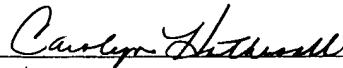
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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